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1. HEREWITH SITUATION REPORT 1 ON MEETING OF GROUP OF EXPERTS ON THE POSSIBLE RE-ARRANGEMENT OF THE RADIO REGULATIONS AND OF THE ADDITIONAL RADIO REGULATIONS, GENEVA, 19 JANUARY - 13 FEBRUARY 1976.

2. IN SPEECH OPENING MEETING 19 JANUARY, ITU SECRETAYR GENERAL MILI, NOTING PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WITH "SEVERAL" ADMINISTRATIONS, PROPOSED EBERHARD GEORGE (GEORGE IS LAST NAME) OF FRG AS CHAIRMAN. GEORGE WAS ACCEPTED BY GROUP OF EXPERTS WITHOUT COMMENT AND ASSUMED CHAIR.

3. INITIAL DISCUSSION CENTERED ON GENERAL QUESTIONS INVOLVING "COMPETENCY" VS. "USER" APPROACHED (UNRESOLVED), EXTENT OF MEETING'S MANDATE (CONSERVATIVE INTERPRETATION PREDOMINATES), INTRODUCTION OF VARIOUS PROPOSALS, AND DIVISION BETWEEN ADMINISTRATIVE (GENERAL) AND OPERATIONAL (SERVICE) PORTIONS OF RADIO REGULATIONS (RR). NO DECISIONS TAKEN DURING FIRST TWO DAYS OF MEETING HAVE BEEN AT VARIANCE WITH US POSITIONS IN ANY SIGNIFICATNT RESPECT.
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4. PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA DELEGATE INTERVENED 19 JANUARY, STRESSINT "EQUAL RIGHTS" AND NCESSSITY OF REVISING RR TO REFLECT NEEDS OF MEDIUM AND SMALL-SIZED COUNTRIES WHICH WERE IN MAJORITY, DOING AWAY WITH MONOPOLIZING OF FREQUENCY SPECTRUM BY (UNAMED) BIG POWERS. CHAIRMAN HANDLED THIS THRUST DEFTLY, EXPRESSED SYMPATHY FOR NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BUT OBSERVED THAT THIS MEETING WAS CONSTRAINED BY ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE TO RE-ARRANGE EXISTING PROVISIONS ONLY: CHINESE REQUEST TO HAVE COMMENTS NOTED IN REPORT OF MEETIN WAS ACCEPTED BY CHAIRMAN, AND MATTER ENDED THERE. NO OTHER EXTRANEOUS POLITICAL ISSUES HAVE BEEN INTRUDUCED AT MEETING.

5. GENERAL AGREEMENT REACHED, SUBJECT TO LATER DISCUSSION, THAT DIVISION BETWEEN PART A AND B OF RR ("VOLUME I" AND "VOLUME II" OF US PROPOSALS) WILL BE BETWEEN ARTICLES 20 AND 21. EXCEPTIONS, SUCH AS PARTS OF ARGICLE 7, NOT YET DECIDED.

6. AGREEMENT ALSO REACHED ON CHAPTER BREAKDOWN IN PART B, AS FOLLOWS (THESE ARE NOT EXACT TITLES):
A. DISTRESS/SAFETY.
B. AERONAUTICAL.
C. MARITIME.
D. LAND MOBILE.
E. MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES AND STATIONS.
F. ACCOUNTING

7. US DELEGATION AND CHAIRMAN GEORGE HAVE DRAFTED DISCUSSION PAPER SETTING FORTH DRAFT STRUCTURE FOR PART A, BASED ON WIDE AREAS OF AGREEMENT AMONG PROPOSALS SUMBITTED. THIS DRAFT IS SUBSTANTIALLY US PROPOSAL.

8. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS (COPIES BEING POUCHED) INCLUDES 14 COUNTRIES WITH EXPERTS IN ATTENDANCE AND 8 OTHERS (CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, ITALY, JORDAN, ROMANIA, VENEZUELA) WHICH INDICATED INTENTION OF SENDING EXPERTS BUT HAVE NOT YET DONE SO. LIST INCLUDES 28 PARTICIPANTS, AS FOLLOWS: CANADA (BURTON, IRWIN), PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (4), DENMARK (1), FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY (GEORGE, MALLAU), GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC (1), FRANCE (CHASPOUL, MENES), JAPAN (3), NETHERLANDS (WILLEMS), NORWAY (1), SPAIN (MOLINA NEGRO, MOZO VILLAPUN,
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QUINTAS CASTANS), SWEDEN (STAWKSTROEM), USSR (MOTIN, KRAPOTIN), UNITED KINGDON (BAPTISTE, DUNELL), USA (3).

9. FIRST TWO DAYS OF MEETING HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN BUSINESS-LIKE, FRIENDLLY, AND (WITH EXCEPTION NOTED) NON-POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE. THERE IS WIDESPREAD REALIZATION THAT PRESENT, EXERCISE NOT ONE IN WHICH THERE WILL BE WINNDRS OR LOSERS, BUT IN WHICH COMMON AIMIS FOR IMPROVED RR THAT

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CAN WIN LATER ACCEPTANCE IN WIDER FORUM, AS BASIS FOR
SUBMITTING PROPOSALS TO 1979 CONFERENCE. DALE

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